

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Examiner: Luong Trung NGUYEN

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For: DIGITAL CAMERA AND METHOD OF CHANGING DATA PROCESSING  
SEQUENCE USED FOR THE SAME

**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Applicant makes the following comments on the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The Examiner's statement should not be misinterpreted as meaning that the identified features are the only patentable feature in any of the claims. The independent claims and the dependent claims include various aspects which provide a separate basis for patentability. The Examiner's statement emphasizes certain aspects of the claims, but each claim should be interpreted using its own precise language, without inferring any particular emphasis from the Examiner's statement.

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The claims are carefully written to precisely define the bounds of the invention, and people reading these remarks hereafter should note that any difference between the Examiner's language and the language of the claims should be resolved by recourse to only the express language of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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